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**September 4 & 5, 2021**

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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# OPEN

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"Be opened!"

MARK 7:34

**Weekday Mass Times:**

Tuesdays 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday-Friday 8:00 a.m.

**Weekend Mass Times:**

Saturdays 7:00 p.m.  
Sundays 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

**Eucharistic Adoration:**

Tuesdays 5:00 p.m.  
Sundays 6:30 p.m.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturdays 6:15—6:45 p.m.

**Parish Office Hours**

Wednesday 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. and 3:30—5:30 p.m.  
Thursday 3:30—5:30 p.m.

**Father's Corner:**

Dear Loving Parishioners, Love and Peace of Christ!

**GOD & WORK**

Work can be a distraction and an escape. Work can be an excuse to avoid the deeper things, but it is also the deep, natural form of contemplation that God gives to us as humans.

We spend most of our waking lives working. That should tell us something, namely, that work must be the major avenue through which God wants us to journey towards the deeper things. Given the way we are built, and the way life is shaped, we aren't expected to consciously think about God most of our waking moments.

God is the ground of our being, as well as the ground of our work and our relationships. In God "we live and move and have our being." We know God not just in our conscious awareness and in prayer, but also in a deep inchoate way, by participating with God in building this world – by growing things, building things, carving things, creating things, cleaning things, painting things, writing things, raising children, nursing babies, teaching others, consoling others, humoring others, struggling with others, and loving others.

Work, like prayer, is a privileged way to get to know God because, when we do, we are toiling in partnership with God.

May God bless you,

Fr. Peter

**Are You Interested in Serving as a Reader or Eucharistic Minister?**

New Ministry Schedules will begin at the end of this month, and Father would like to add Eucharistic Ministers (EM) of the Host. (Masks need to be worn.) We will add two EMs for the Saturday night Mass, two for the Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass, and one for the Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass.

We're also looking to add to the number of Readers. If you would like to serve in either of these capacities, please email Sharon Christensen at [sharon.jc@live.com](mailto:sharon.jc@live.com) with your availability dates. Thank you!

**St. Max Social Hall Prayer**

*Thank you, good Lord, for blessing our St. Max family over the years.*

*We are truly blessed!*

*Throughout the entire social hall process you have been there for us and have guided us. Through your mercy, please continue to guide us and take our project over the finish line. St. Maximilian Kolbe, pray for us! Amen.*

**This Week's Birthdays**

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|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Alex Zinda 9/5        | Trinity Noel 9/8         |
| Wyatt Blaskowski 9/6  | Audrey Warzynski 9/9     |
| Danielle Forseth 9/6  | Emma Yeska 9/9           |
| Carol Hutkowski 9/6   | Karen Kraemer 9/10       |
| Bob Barden 9/7        | Kelly Trzebiatowski 9/11 |
| Henrik Dreger 9/7     | Karl Kiefer 9/12         |
| William Sommers 9/7   | Lily Konkol 9/12         |
| Pat Blaskowski 9/8    |                          |
| Tiffany Gumney 9/8    |                          |
| Matthew Kitkowski 9/8 |                          |



**This Week's Wedding Anniversaries**



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|---------------------------------|
| Jeff & Lisa Ligman 9/6          |
| Ryan & Andrea Johnson 9/8       |
| Dan & Lora Lehman 9/9           |
| Larry & Patricia Tullberg 9/9   |
| Chad & Kelly Trzebiatowski 9/11 |
| Jacob & Stacey Barden 9/12      |

**Social Hall Donation News**

**MATCHING DONATION OPPORTUNITY:**

A parishioner and his family (desiring to remain anonymous) have offered to donate \$20,000.00 toward our social hall project IF the donation is matched by another parishioner or anyone else. If you can match this generous donation, please contact Betty Gonnering at 703-509-5180.

**TEMPORARY DONOR BOARD ON DISPLAY:**

A temporary social hall donation recognition board is on display in the gathering space. Plates displayed on the board will be transferred to a permanent board to be installed in the new addition. Please contact Betty Gonnering at 703-509-5180 or [bgonner@aol.com](mailto:bgonner@aol.com) with any questions.

**What's Happening in Your Neighborhood?**

**WOMEN OF CHRIST CONFERENCE 2021**

The PCCW would like to invite all of the women of our parish to the Women of Christ Conference on Saturday, November 6 at the Washington County Fair Park. Please join us and other Catholic women as we celebrate our faith with camaraderie, inspirational speakers, and yes, even a vendor market with great shopping. Adoration & reconciliation will be available throughout the day. The event concludes with 4pm Mass celebrated by Archbishop Jerome ListECKI.

Our PCCW has agreed to cover the registration cost of \$45 for any woman of our parish that wants to attend. If you do invite a friend or family member who does not belong to our parish, the cost will need to be covered by them or you. Payment should be made to St. Max PCCW. Please contact your Parish Liaison Mary Shea at 715-340-7217 with questions or to register and choose a lunch meal option (included in the price).

Transportation is up to each individual, and carpooling is recommended. Early registration is critical as this event is first come first serve and has a capacity limit. Once registration closes and tickets are sent to Mary, she will distribute them to attendees prior to the event day. Mary will keep an eye on registrations availability on a regular basis. Check out the poster in the main entrance to see a list of all the amazing speakers that will be there.

**First Ever March for Life Wisconsin!**

Join pro-life Wisconsinites for the first-ever March for Life Wisconsin on Saturday, October 2, 2021! We will gather at noon at the Wisconsin State Capitol in Madison to hear from pro-life leaders. The March will follow and will conclude in prayer at 3:00 p.m. outside of Planned Parenthood.

Buses from various Wisconsin cities are available for easy travel to and from Madison. For more information, visit: [ProLifeWI.org/marchforlife](http://ProLifeWI.org/marchforlife).

**Your Financial Support for 8/29/2021**

Adult Envelopes:	\$ 2094.00
Offertory:	189.00
Maintenance & Repair	235.00
Candy Bars	40.00
Social Hall	4540.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$7,098.00</b>

**New Parishioners**

We welcome you to our parish family. If you wish to join our parish, you may register by calling the parish office.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturdays, 6:15—6:45 p.m.

**Marriage Arrangements**

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance. Please call the parish office for an appointment.

**Baptism**

Please call the parish office prior to the birth of your child.

**Sacrament of the Sick**

Please call the parish office at 715-824-3380.

**Mass Intentions**

Please submit Mass Intentions to the parish office or call 715.824.3380.

**Liturgical Ministries**

**Saturday, September 11—7:00 p.m.**

Servers: n/a  
 Reader: Mary  
 Usher Captain: Volunteer  
 Eucharistic Ministers: n/a

**Sunday, September 12—8:30 a.m.**

Servers: n/a  
 Reader: Max, Scott, or Pat  
 Usher Captain: Volunteer  
 Eucharistic Ministers: n/a

**Sunday, September 12—10:30 a.m.**

Servers: n/a  
 Reader: Kathy  
 Usher Captain: Volunteer  
 Eucharistic Ministers: n/a

**St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish  
CCD Program to Begin September 29!**

**Registration for CCD is open this weekend.  
 A registration form is available  
 in the gathering space as well as online.**

**The first CCD class will be on  
 Wednesday, September 29,  
 with Mass beginning at 6:00 p.m.  
 Safe Environment Training will follow Mass.**

## **St. Maximilian Kolbe Fall Harvest Dinner**

**Sunday, October 3, 2021**

Our annual Fall Harvest Dinner is being held on Sunday, October 3, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (note the time change). As with the past few dinners, this one will be held as a carry-out or curbside service only. The menu will consist of chicken (from Ambrosias), mashed potatoes & gravy, stuffing, squash, roll & butter, cranberry sauce, and choice of a slice of delicious pie.

Prices are adults \$12 and children age 6-12 \$5. Kids age 5 and under eat free. There will be a 50/50 Raffle available.

Watch for signs leading you to the Produce Market. This will be in place of the Country Store. If weather is good, we will hold the Produce Market outdoors near the east entrance. If the weather is poor, Produce Market will be held inside the east entrance the day of the dinner.

Please consider signing up to help the days before and during the dinner. The work is easy and fun. All proceeds will go toward our new social hall and classroom project.

Posters are in so take a few and circulate them. We could use some help putting out the road signs. Contact Mary about the signs.

### **DONATIONS NEEDED:**

**Each family is asked to donate 2 large homemade pies and 1 can of cranberry sauce (no whole cranberries, please).**

**We are also looking for donations of a few specialty items: 3 dozen eggs, 10 pounds of onions, 5 pounds of celery.**

**If you can donate these items or if you have questions, please contact Mary Shea at 715-340-7217 or Pat Heidger at 715-459-4931.**

**Produce Market:** If you have an abundance of veggies in your garden, please bring them to church at any time and place them on the table in the entrance.

Parishioners can purchase them as they come in and funds will go toward building the social hall.



### **Please Note**

**The office will be closed  
on Wednesday, September 29.**

**There will also be an Early Bulletin Deadline!  
All items for the October 2/3 bulletin must be in  
by end of day Tuesday, September 21.**



## **Weekly Schedule and Mass Intention Offerings**

### **Saturday, September 4 Blessed Virgin Mary**

6:15—6:45 p.m. Confession

7:00 p.m. MASS: + John Kalata  
by John & Mary Shea

### **Sunday, September 5**

8:30 a.m. MASS: For the People of St. Max's

10:30 a.m. MASS: + Joseph Pieczynski  
by Mindy Kottke

6:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

### **Monday, September 6**

No Mass

### **Tuesday, September 7**

5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 p.m. MASS: + Father Bob Pedretti  
by Bob & Helen Helbach

### **Wednesday, September 8 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00 a.m. MASS: + Franklin (Bud) Barden  
by Jack & JoAnn Doyle

### **Thursday, September 9 St. Peter Claver**

8:00 a.m. MASS: Poor Souls in Purgatory  
by Angie & Mark Sturzl

### **Friday, September 10**

8:00 a.m. MASS: + Jerry Hudziak  
by Norm & Jean Hudziak family

### **Saturday, September 11 Blessed Virgin Mary**

6:15—6:45 p.m. Confession

7:00 p.m. MASS: + Norm Hudziak  
by His family

### **Sunday, September 12**

8:30 a.m. MASS: For the People of St. Max's

10:30 a.m. MASS: + Ray, Brian, & Cheryl Plasky  
by Debra Jackson

6:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

### **October 18: Gospel of Life White Mass and Banquet with Bishop Callahan**

Join us Monday evening, October 18, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman in La Crosse. The Keynote presenter, John Travaline, MD, an expert in Catholic medical ethics, will speak on: "**Seeing Human Dignity**

**Through the Theology of the Body."** **Schedule:**

6:00 pm – White Mass with Bishop Callahan, honoring Catholic healthcare professionals;

7:00 pm – Banquet;

7:45 pm – Presentation;

Cost: \$20/person \$10/students. All are welcome! To learn more and to register, visit [diolc.org/gospeloflife](http://diolc.org/gospeloflife).

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